

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Non-Official on the Board of Directors of NIC**

4749. SHRI P.P. KALIAPERUMAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are non official directors on the Board of directors of the Neyveli Lignite corporation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NAYAMAGOUDA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The appointment of the non official Directors in the Board of Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited had not been considered necessary.

**Press Communique by Indian High Commissioner on Earth Quake**

4750. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian High Commissioner in U.K. issued any press communique in regard to recent earthquake in Garhwal, Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its world wide impact on supply of assistance for earthquake victims;

(c) whether the Government have issued any instructions to the Indian Embas-

sies/high Commissions to disseminate information to NRIs on natural calamities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A copy of the Press communique is enclosed. This gesture by the Indian high Commissioner sets an example that would encourage others to make similar contributions.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

*Press Release Issued by the Indian High Commissioner in U.K. on 30 October, 1991*

The Indian High Commissioner, Dr. L.N. Singhvi, in a letter to Indian Prime Minister, Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao, expressed shock and grief at the havoc and loss of life caused by the recent earthquake in the Uttar Kashi region. The High Commissioner assured the Prime Minister that the Indian community in U.K. was most concerned about the plight of the victims and would be willing to make any contribution that would be required to alleviate their sufferings.

The High Commissioner donated the equivalent of his two months' salary to the Prime Minister's Fund for the relief of the victims.

[Translation]

**Allotment of Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets and LPG Agencies in Bihar**

4751. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:

SHRI SIMON MARANDI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol/diesel retail outlets and LPG agencies allotted in Bihar during the last three years and till date, districtwise;

(b) the number of persons belonging to SC and ST, among them district-wise;

(c) the number of applications for allotment of these agencies lying pending, district-wise;

(d) whether there is any plan to allot more petrol/diesel retail outlets and LPG agencies in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>RO SC/ST</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>LPG SC/ST</i>
1988-89	27	5	15	3
1989-90	20	6	05	1
1990-91	4	-	05	-
April -Nov. '91	04	-	05	-
<b>Total-</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>

(b) Only state-wise break up of SC/ST dealerships is maintained by Government.

(c) Such information is not maintained by Government.

(d) and (e). New retail outlets/LPG distributorships are opened in different places including those in Bihar as per Marketing Plans, product availability, etc.

has been operating in the refineries amounting to huge losses;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(d) action taken or proposed to be taken against the persons found guilty?

### **Pipeline Tappers**

[English]

4752. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state.

(a) whether an organised gang of pipeline tappers with a network all over Gujarat

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.